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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the September 10, 2003 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response was due December 10, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension to respond is filed herewith. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith and this response is timely. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendment to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.

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1. Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to Respond (1 page);
2. Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages);
3. Notice of Appeal (2 pages); and
4. Amendment in Response to September 10, 2003 Final Office Action (9 pages).

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